

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF AN)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)	
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.)	CASE NO.
AND US LEC OF TENNESSEE, INC.)	2000-419
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
ACT OF 1996)	

O R D E R

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") petitioned for arbitration of certain issues between itself and US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC"). On October 30, 2000, US LEC, by facsimile copy, notified the Commission that it had reached an agreement with BellSouth regarding the terms of the contract. The parties proposed to incorporate the terms of the existing interconnection agreement between BellSouth and Time Warner. On December 14, 2000, the parties submitted their negotiated agreement.

The Commission has reviewed the agreement and finds that no portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement. The Commission also finds that the implementation of this agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. However, further information is necessary for the Commission to understand the parties' resolution of each of the issues for which BellSouth originally sought arbitration. BellSouth and US LEC should file a document describing the resolution of each issue for which arbitration was sought.

The Commission, having been otherwise sufficiently advised, HEREBY ORDERS
that:

1. The agreement negotiated between BellSouth and US LEC is approved.
2. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, BellSouth and US LEC shall submit to the Commission a description of their resolution of each of the issues for which BellSouth sought arbitration.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 17th day of January, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:



Executive Director